THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The issue of reservation of as nearly as may be one-third of the total number of seats in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies for women is under consideration of the Central Government and as soon as a consensus of the political parties is arrived at, a decision would be taken to introduce the necessary Bill in Parliament. However, the Central Government has no proposal for providing 50 per cent reservation for women and 20 per cent reservation for Other Backward Classes in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies.

Iron ore reserve and extraction

†2018. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Bureau of Mines, India has 2212 crore tonnes of iron ore and out of this, 1167 crore tonnes has been extracted by mine-owners;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the continuation of the present trend of export of iron ore would create a crisis of iron ore after ten years;

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the actual status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) Iron ore resources in India, as on 1.4.2005 are estimated at 25.25 billion tonnes, and are likely to last 164 years at the current rate of production.

Implementation of Hoda Committee recommendations

†2019. SHRI MANGANILAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to implement the recommendations of Anwarul Hoda Committee for solving a number

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.